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The XIIIth International Congress of Egyptologists

Third Circular

Dear colleagues,

We are much looking forward to welcoming you to Leiden for the XIIIth International Congress of Egyptologists to be held 6-11 August 2023. This Third Circular includes information and updates about the congress venues, checking in before and during the congress, useful tips to our participants, including transport to and within Leiden, and additional services and facilities that we offer.

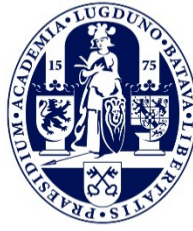
Registration of speakers, poster presenters, attendees, accompanying persons and booksellers is now **closed**. We are expecting over 800 participants, coming from an astonishing 32 countries worldwide and representing a broad spectrum of academic disciplines. We are in for a treat: all aspects of Egyptology are represented in the programme and everyone will be able to choose their personal series of lectures that will enrich and inspire. By the end of the week we should all have a better sense of the state of our field and about **the future of ancient Egypt**.

Supporting Institutions



International Association
of Egyptologists

www.iae-egyptology.org



Leiden University
(Universiteit Leiden)

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en



National Museum of Antiquities
(Rijksmuseum van Oudheden)

www.rmo.nl/en



The Netherlands Institute
for the Near East

www.nino-leiden.nl



Netherlands-Flemish
Institute in Cairo

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/nvic



Leiden Papyrological Institute

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities/papyrological-institute



Leiden Institute for Area Studies

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities/institute-for-area-studies

Partners and sponsors

We are grateful to a number of organisations and their representatives for their financial and/or practical support. See www.ice2023.com/en/sponsors for an overview of all our partners and sponsors, and links to their websites.



Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee advises on scholarly matters, and reviews all presentations and posters.

Members have been recruited from our organisational supporting institutions, from among colleagues from the Netherlands and Belgium; see <https://ice2023.com/en/about>.

Organising Committee

Members of the Organising Committee of the XIIIth ICE are:

- Prof. Dr Olaf E. Kaper (President), Leiden University
- Dr Miriam Müller (Treasurer), Leiden University
- Dr Nico Staring (Secretary), Leiden University/F.R.S.-FNRS, ULiège
- Dr Koen Donker van Heel, Papyrological Institute/Leiden University
- Fania M. Kruijf, MA, Leiden University
- Noha Mahran, Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC)
- Andrés Martín García de la Cruz, MA, NINO/Leiden University
- Dr Daniel Soliman, National Museum of Antiquities (RMO)
- Carolien H. van Zoest, MA, NINO/Leiden University



Mission Statement

The XIIIth International Congress of Egyptologists (2023) is themed ‘The future of ancient Egypt’. It aims to reflect current scholarship and to open a dialogue on Egyptology in a wider sense. What is the place of ancient Egypt in contemporary society and academia and how can we keep the discipline relevant for the future? If we aim to move beyond its colonialist origins, while embracing inclusiveness and accessibility, how do we achieve this? How do we maintain standards of scholarship in the face of trends in university education and research bodies? And finally, how can Egyptologists around the globe connect with each other in an environment in which each colleague’s voice can be heard in equal measure?

The XIIIth ICE will be foremost a platform to present the latest research in Egyptology, showcasing current and future research within its many branches and beyond. Contributors are invited to connect their research to the central questions of the congress as outlined above. In addition to individual contributions, the congress will provide the opportunity to address the central theme in separate panel discussions.

The XIIIth ICE will adopt Arabic as one of the congress languages for the first time at an ICE outside Egypt. Most general information will be made available in English and Arabic, in recognition of the importance of Egyptian Egyptology and the changing scholarly landscape.

Participants

Prior to participating in the congress, participants should collect their congress badge and bag from our check-in desk (location dependent on date/time, see below).

Check-in

Check-in		Last-minute check-in	Late check-in
5 August 2023	6 August 2023	6 August 2023	7-11 August 2023
10:00-16:30 hrs	10:00-13:00 hrs	14:00-20:00 hrs	8:45-17:45 hrs
Rijksmuseum van Oudheden		Stadsgehoorzaal*	Lipsius Building

* Check-in at Stadsgehoorzaal, the location of the congress’ festive plenary opening session, is possible for registered participants arriving in Leiden on Sunday afternoon/evening. **Temporary luggage storage is available at Stadsgehoorzaal.**

Congress badges

- Congress badges are for registered participants only.
- **The ICE XIII badge must be always visibly worn when participating in the congress.** It confirms your right to access congress sessions and social events.
- At each venue, your badge will be checked by our organisation members and volunteers.
- The organisers and our volunteers may ask you to show your badge at any time, if they haven’t been able to see it properly.
- **Without your badge, you will be denied entrance to the congress venues.**



- For free entrance to the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, Hortus Botanicus, or Allard Pierson Museum (Amsterdam), please show your congress badge at the cash desk.

To present a paper or a poster, participants must hold a valid membership of the International Association of Egyptologists (IAE). To join or renew IAE membership, visit the website www.iae-egyptology.org/how-to-join. **Your membership status will be checked by the IAE before the start of the congress.** Please refer any questions or concerns you might have regarding your membership to the IAE.

Participation certificates

For speakers and poster presenters who need proof of their participation in the congress for future applications, we will have a paper participation certificate ready at the main congress information desk. We will issue this certificate only once, only on paper, and only to speakers and poster presenters (not to attendees).

Paper presentations (lectures)

- Each congress session room has a Windows PC (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Acrobat Reader).
- **It is not possible to connect your own laptop or MacBook to the congress room equipment.**

All speakers are asked to submit their presentation file to the congress organisers on the day before their presentation at the latest.

There are two options:

- (1) upload your presentation via the congress website (www.ice2023.com/en/upload),
or
- (2) bring your presentation on a USB flash drive to the main congress information desk.

The organisers will collect all presentations and make them available on the computers in the session rooms. **As a back-up, we recommend you also bring your presentation with you on a USB flash drive when presenting your paper.**

- **Please save your presentation as a .ppt, .pptx, or .pdf file.** We recommend speakers use simple animations and universal fonts in their presentation to prevent system compatibility issues. These issues can also be avoided by converting your presentation to a pdf file.
- Make sure that all (transliteration) fonts are embedded in your presentation. The standard transliteration font Trlit_CG Times and the Coptic_Normal font can be downloaded from the Online Egyptological Bibliography website <https://oeb.griffith.ox.ac.uk/fonts.aspx>.
- All speakers are kindly requested to observe the **20 minutes presentation time limit**. This leaves room for 5 minutes of questions/discussion, and 5 minutes change-over.
- Visual cues regarding time limit will be given. If the speaker is exceeding the 20-minute time limit, the session chair may interrupt the speaker, or decide that there will be no time for questions.
- The official languages for paper presentations are Arabic, English, French and German.
- No translation services will be available during the congress.



Poster presentations

From Monday 7 August 9.00 hrs until Friday 11 August 13.00 hrs all posters are on display in the congress poster space: two lounges on the ground floor of the P.J. Veth Building, freely accessible for congress participants.

Four consecutive poster sessions will take place on Wednesday 9 August in the congress poster space. All posters have been placed in one of the four sessions; see the congress programme. Poster presenters should be present at their designated session.

The sessions take the form of simultaneous stand-up presentations with opportunity for questions and discussions. Congress participants are encouraged to visit posters of their choice and interact with the presenters during the sessions.

Poster presenters should either hand in their printed poster at the check-in desk on Saturday/Sunday 5-6 August, or hand in their printed poster at the poster space starting Monday 7 August, or use the option below:

**In cooperation with Printerette Leiden Morsstraat,
we offer direct printer-to-poster space-service (at the poster presenter's cost).**

Send your poster to the Printerette **on Monday 31 July at the latest** and pay online.

Upload your digital file via <https://printerette.nl/Posters/Posters> (page available in English or Dutch) and pay in advance; indicate to the Printerette that you are sending an ICE poster. In addition to your message to the Printerette, notify the ICE secretariat by email, ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl. There will be a one-time transport of congress posters from the Printerette to the congress poster space.

**N.B.: Only posters that are paid in full and printed before 4 August
will be transported to the congress venue.**

If your upload or payment is late, you are responsible for picking up your poster at the Printerette (address: Morsstraat 2, 2312 BM Leiden).

We are happy to announce that BAR Publishing will offer a **poster prize** during the congress! The first prize will consist of a voucher for £100 of BAR books; the second prize is for £60; the third prize will be a bottle of wine. To be eligible for this prize, your poster must be displayed on Monday and Tuesday, when the judges will examine them. Moreover, please follow our poster guidelines below when preparing your poster to increase your chances! The poster prize award ceremony will take place on Wednesday at 14.15 hrs in the congress poster space.

Poster guidelines

- All posters should be in A0 format: height 1189 mm, width 841 mm;
- The poster title should be legible from a distance of 5 meters;
- Body text should be legible from a distance of 1.8 metres;
- Use charts and graphs to illustrate data; avoid large tables with raw data;
- Use high resolution images;
- It is the responsibility of the poster presenter to include copyright information for images used;
- The poster should have a good balance of text and images;



- Have a native speaker of the language of the poster review the text;
- All authors of the poster should be mentioned including their affiliation;
- Logos of institutes and sponsors of the research are allowed.

Attendees and accompanying persons

Attendees who are not presenting a paper or a poster are welcome to attend all congress sessions and events. Accompanying persons may only attend social events and do not attend the presentations – except for their partner's presentation.

Congress participants must hold a valid membership of the IAE if they wish to attend **the general assembly of Egyptologists**, or other activities **organised by the IAE**, during the congress. To join or renew IAE membership, visit the website www.iae-egyptology.org/how-to-join.

Booksellers

A wide selection of Egyptological publications will be available for sale to congress participants, thanks to

Publishers present:

- Peeters Publishers
- Brill Publishers
- Harrassowitz Verlag
- ISD LLC
- Safran Publishers
- Archaeopress Publishing Ltd
- De Gruyter
- PeWe-Verlag
- Institut français d'archéologie orientale
- BAR Publishing
- Éditions Khéops
- American University in Cairo Press
- Lithographie Ltd

Second-hand book sellers:

- Librairie Antinoë
- Friends of Saqqara
- Stichting Mehen
- The Netherlands Institute for the Near East

Publishers offering discount through flyer:

- Brepols
- WBOOKS Publishers
- Ankh Antiquarian Books
- EB-Verlag Dr. Brandt



Programme and abstracts

The congress programme is now final! An overview of all paper and poster presentations is available on our website: www.ice2023.com/en/programme. A printed copy of the overview will be in your congress bag. In the programme overview, all presenters' names and presentation titles have been abbreviated.

Programme at a glance

Saturday 5 August	Check-in of registered participants
Sunday 6 August	Last-minute check-in of registered participants Afternoon: plenary and festive opening session
Monday 7–Friday 11 August	Presentations and workshops (six parallel sessions at three different locations), posters on display
Monday 7 August	Presentations and workshops Evening: public outreach lecture
Tuesday 8 August	Presentations and workshops Special sessions (late afternoon): Early Career Workshop, AI Workshop, Big Data Workshop, Open Forum, Institutions in the spotlight, Museum Workshop
Wednesday 9 August	Presentations and workshops Poster presentations Evening: public outreach lecture
Thursday 10 August	Presentations and workshops Evening: congress dinner
Friday 11 August	Presentations and workshops Afternoon: plenary closing session of the IAE

Congress app

The XIIIth International Congress of Egyptologists will use a congress app called Yellenge. The app allows participants to access all information about the congress: full programme, abstracts of all paper and poster presentations, session titles and chairs, location of venues, etc. In the app, every participant can put together their personal congress programme by marking the presentations of their interest.

Shortly before the start of the congress, all participants will receive an email containing a personal login code and further information about the Yellenge congress app. Use of the app is free for all participants.

Please note that we will not provide paper printouts of all abstracts, to promote sustainability and prevent waste. The congress app will contain full information on all presentations. One printed book of abstracts will be available for inspection at the congress main information desk, in the Lipsius Building, during congress hours.



Through their personal login, all speakers and poster presenters will be able to add information to their personal profiles in the congress app.
Profiles contain the participant's name, affiliation, presentation title, and abstract.
This information is directly visible to all congress participants.

Opening Ceremony

On Sunday 6 August from 15:00 hrs, the Stadsgehoorzaal is the location of the opening addresses by our Organising Committee President, Prof. Dr Olaf Kaper, the President of the International Association of Egyptologists, Prof. Dr Willeke Wendrich, the Mayor of Leiden, the Egyptian ambassador to the Netherlands, and keynote lectures by some of our most distinguished Egyptological guests: the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Dr Mostafa Waziry, the former Egyptian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Prof. Dr Khaled el-Enany, and highly renowned scholars Prof. Dr Ola el-Aguizy, Dr Monica Hanna and Dr Miriam Müller.

The event will be accompanied by a music show by Disco Arabesque and followed, from 18:00 hrs onwards, by a big welcome reception to open the congress in a festive way.

Open Forum: The future of ancient Egypt

On Tuesday 8 August, 16:30-18:00 hrs, an open forum takes place entitled 'The future of ancient Egypt'. This forum will address a number of matters related to the discipline of Egyptology; issues that have been raised before, but are still urgent and pertain to the mission statement of the congress. The central question is: **What is the place of Ancient Egypt in contemporary society and academia, and will the discipline be relevant for the future?**

This question is open for debate and participants of the forum may chime in on the premise of the central question: is exploring it indeed urgent, or is it a pointless, self-absorbed pursuit?

For participants who want to engage with the central question, we have formulated the following discussion points:

- To what extent does Egyptological research significantly contribute to bigger questions in the study of ancient history?
- To what extent is knowledge production of ancient Egypt entrenched in popular images of the culture, characterised by royalty, pyramids, and mystery?
- To what extent is Egyptological research restricted to the study of objects in museum collections that favour monumental, aesthetically pleasing objects; and to what extent is research limited to excavations of single tombs and temples?
- Where should be the priorities in the advancement of the field of Egyptology as a discipline in its own right, and in relation to other disciplines? Does contemporary Egyptology take its goals and its place in the wider scholarly community serious?
- Are attempts at knowledge production of ancient Egypt that reveal or dispose of the discipline's colonial backgrounds necessary, hypocritical, or futile?

We invite all participants to submit further discussion topics, thoughts and concerns relevant to this forum. Please send your input to ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl.



Additional services and facilities

Free wifi: The eduroam network is available throughout Leiden University's buildings; instructions for temporary access will be provided in the congress bag (and some participants may already have access with their own university's credentials).

The ICE as an Egyptology hive mind: There will be a noticeboard on which you can post questions to the participants, e.g.:

- requests for help, or advertisements (looking for a pottery specialist; volunteers needed for annotating digitised data, etc.)
- copy of a photograph (can anyone identify this object? Can anyone say anything about the dating of this statue? Who is pictured on this old photograph? Where in Egypt was this taken? etc.)

Bring your question printed at the top of an A4 sheet of paper signed with your name and contact details, and plenty of room for answers to be added below.

Private sessions: There are two rooms available for private meetings or workshops with other ICE participants (max. 50 people) during the congress. More information and reservations at the main congress information desk.

Accessibility: All congress venues are accessible to people with limited mobility. Please note that the P.J. Veth Building is rather labyrinthine; please ask our volunteers for directions or accompaniment. Our volunteers are ready to lend any assistance to participants as needed (opening doors, reserving suitable seats in sessions, directions to elevators, to restrooms, to a secluded room for nursing parents, etc.).

Libraries: The libraries of the Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO), and the Leiden Papyrological Institute (LPI, located inside the main University Library) are open to visitors.

- Opening hours of the **NINO Library** are Monday to Friday 9.00-17.00 hrs; please note that ongoing preparations for the move to NINO's new premises may cause nuisance – more information on the [NINO website](#).
- Summer opening hours of the **LPI Library** are those of UBL's main location: Monday to Friday 8.30-18.00 hrs, Saturday 13:00-17:00 hrs – more information on the [UBL website](#).

No childcare service: Due to the small number of requests, it is not possible to activate a congress childcare service. More information about attending the ICE with children is below.

Transport to and in Leiden

Please visit our website for a more complete overview of Dutch international airports, international trains or travel by car: ICE website page [Transport](#).

The closest airport to Leiden is **Schiphol (Amsterdam) Airport**. From Schiphol, trains to Leiden Centraal depart every 10 minutes (from platform 5 or 6). The trip takes about 20 minutes. Taxi fares from Schiphol to Leiden are ca. € 90. You are strongly advised only to take a taxi from the official taxi stands.

Public transport in and around Leiden is by bus and train. Train tickets can be bought online or at the train station. You can directly pay fares at the check-in machines using a compatible credit card, debit card, or mobile phone (with mobile payment service installed). Check-in/check-



out machines are placed on low columns at the top of the escalators to the train platforms at Schiphol Airport. The correct fare is charged upon check-out. In Leiden, the check-in/check-out machines are at the entrance/exit of the station hall.

Leiden's main bus station is directly next to the main railway station Leiden Centraal. The timetables of public transport companies may change, so we advise participants to check the [NS Journey planner](#) (trains) and [9292 Travel planner](#) (all modes of public transport).

Leiden is a small town and most distances can be covered on foot. The congress venues are about a 10-minute walk away from the train station, and all congress venues are situated close to each other. Bus lines 1 and 3 travel between Leiden Centraal and bus stop **Paterstraat** (at the Main University Library, across the canal from the Lipsius building).

N.B.: Uber does not operate in Leiden.

For longer distances the most convenient mode of transport is **cycling**. We highly recommend exploring Leiden by bicycle. There are various options for renting a bicycle for the duration of your stay; it is recommended that you reserve one well in advance.

EasyFiets · Bike rental

Address: Haagweg 8, 2311 AA Leiden
(at Parking Haagweg, see below)
Renting a bike for 7 days is € 48,00.
We recommend renting the Citybike.

Van Rossum Tweewielers · Bike rental

Address: Maasstraat 31, 2314 TT Leiden
Renting a bike for 7 days is € 65,50.

Oldenburger · Bike rental

Address: Stationsplein 1B-C, 2312 AJ Leiden
Renting a bike for seven days is € 90,00.

Parking close to the congress venues

Leiden's historic centre is car-unfriendly; street parking is not advised. Close to our university venues and the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, there are three car parking options. The nearest, at walking distance, is Parking Leiden Haagweg (also called Haagweg Park and Ride). It offers open air parking, and includes a shuttle service to and from any location in the city centre (until 20.00 hrs). Address: Haagweg 8, website: <https://parkingleiden.com>. The second option is at Parking Garage Morspoort, and the third at Parking Garage Lammermarkt.

Slightly further away is Parking Garage Garenmarkt. All four parkings are at walking distance from Stadsgehoorzaal (festive opening on Sunday, congress dinner on Thursday). N.B.: Stadsgehoorzaal is located on Breestraat, a street with no access for private cars. Taxis and the shuttle buses from Parking Haagweg are allowed in Breestraat; buses stop there as well.

Visit www.visitleiden.nl/en/plan-your-visit/accessibility/parking for prices and all details on parking in Leiden.



Attending the ICE with children

Leiden is a child-friendly city. Near the Lipsius building there is a playground of the stone-and-concrete type, conveniently located next to the outside seating area of restaurant Tabù (Rembrandtstraat 27). Another playground, with more of greenery, is located at 5 minutes walk from the Lipsius building (Oud-Hortuszicht, next to Witte Singel 58). Mind the canal! There is also a public ping-pong table in the neighbourhood (Trekschuihof). If you want to let your kids cool off on a warm day, we recommend the water playground in Cronesteyn park, or the outdoor swimming pool at De Vliet.

Our top tips for excursions: the children's exhibition 'In search of Tutankhamun' (in Dutch) at the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden. For teenagers, Museum Boerhaave (history of science) is interesting; Naturalis (natural history; dinosaur) is a favourite with younger kids.

A printed copy of the [Leiden City Guide](#) (published by the Leiden tourist office) will be provided in the congress bag. Looking for a babysitter? [Sitly.com](#) is popular among parents in Leiden.

Important information regarding health and safety

- Please make sure you have a valid health insurance and/or travel insurance that will cover any medical expenses you may incur while in the Netherlands.
- Smoking is prohibited in all our venues and on the Leiden University premises as a whole.
- There will be Emergency Response Officers present at our venues.
- The Dutch emergency number is **112**. Call this number if you need urgent help: when your life is in immediate danger, if someone is seriously injured and needs prompt medical attention, in case of a fire, or if you have witnessed a crime.
- If you need help, and the situation is not life-threatening, call the police using the national number **0900-8844** (local rates apply).
- The telephone number **0900-0904** can be reached for all non-urgent reports where you need the fire brigade on site. In case of a life-threatening or otherwise urgent situation, do not hesitate to call 112.
- The closest hospital to the congress is the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). The address is Albinusdreef 2, Leiden. The telephone number is **+31 (0)71 526 91 11**. In case of a life-threatening and urgent situation, always call 112.



Congress venues



- ① **Stadsgehoorzaal** (Breestraat 60). The congress opening ceremony and the congress dinner will be held here. Last-minute check-in for participants arriving on Sunday afternoon.
- ② **Rijksmuseum van Oudheden** (Rapenburg 28). Check-in of registered participants on Saturday, and Sunday morning. Free entrance during the congress for participants. Two public outreach lectures – Monday and Wednesday.
- ③ **Academy Building** (Rapenburg 73). Sessions 4 and 5 will be held in the Groot Auditorium (ground floor) and the Telders Auditorium (second floor).
- ④ **P.J. Veth Building** (Nonnensteeg 1-3). Session 6 will be held in room 1.01 (first floor); posters will be displayed on the ground floor.
- ⑤ **Hortus Botanicus** (Rapenburg 73). A few congress-related events will be held at the Hortus Botanicus – either outdoors or in the Orangery. Free entrance during the congress for participants.
- ⑥ **Lipsius Building** (Cleveringaplaats 1). Sessions 1, 2, and 3 will be held in rooms 0.19, 0.11, and 0.05. Congress central info desk; coffee point; publishers' and booksellers' tables.

For more detailed information and updates visit the congress website at www.ice2023.com.

Secretariat's email: ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl.

